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TAGS: ETRD, GATT, NZ

SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND ARTICLE XXVIII RENEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 170107

1. ON SEPT 19, NZ MISSION (FALCONER) ORALLY GAVE US
SEVERAL HOURS "ADVANCE NOTICE" OF INCREASE OF GATT
BOUND RATE ON ELECTRIC MOTORS. INCREASES TO BE EFFECTIVE
SEPT 20. US HOLDS INR. US EXPORTS OF AFFECTED ITEMS ABOUT
\$133,000. RATES BEING INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY ON SOME
SUB-ITEMS. DETAILS BEING FORWARDED TO US MISSION VIA
LETTER TOMORROW.

2. FALCONER WAS INSTRUCTED COMMUNICATE FOREGOING TO US
URGENTLY AND TO SPECIFY NOTIFICATION BEING MADE PRIOR TO
IMPLEMENTATION. ECONCOUNSELOR REPLIED MISSION COULD NOT
RPT NOT ACCEPT EITHER ORAL OR WRITTEN NOTIFICATION AS
FULFILLMENT OF NZ OBLIGATIONS UNDER GATT WHICH REQUIRE
NEGOTIATION AND AGREEMENT WITH US AS HOLDER OF INR
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BEFORE RAISING BOUND RATES; MISSION FELT CONFIDENT

WASHINGTON WOULD TAKE SAME POSITION ON THIS CASE AS IT DID WITH RESPECT NZ ACTION ON UNEXPOSED FILM, I.E. US EXPECTS RETENTION OF OR ROLLBACK TO BOUND RATE PENDING COMPLETION OF RENEGOTIATIONS (REFTEL).

3. FALCONER TOOK NOTE OF THIS REACTION AND PROMISED SO REPORT TO WELLINGTON. HE PERSONALLY AGREED MISSION RESPONSE CORRECT AND HOPED IT WOULD HELP PERSUDE HIS AUTHORITIES TO IMPROVE FUTURE HANDLING OF SIMILAR CASES.

4. FALCONER SAID WELLINGTON HAS PROMISED TRANSMIT SOON" COMPENSATORY OFFER ON ALL OUTSTANDING ARTICLE 28 CASES.BASSIN

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